

## **CROMWELL COLLEGE COVID 19 UPDATE 24 March 2020**

Kia ora koutou

Firstly, my hope is that families have been able to organise the multitude of things that will have arisen from the impending lock down of our school and wider community. I realise this will be difficult and stressful for many. Connection and supporting your whānau will be a focus at this time.

A large number of students have been in today to collect folders and other learning resources and we have been very impressed by their respectful and mindful attitude.

### **Collecting Learning Resources - Chromebooks**

Staff will be available again tomorrow between 10am and 11am to support students with gathering books and resources. Year 7-8 are to the B common room and Year 9-13 to the A common room.

We still have around 20 chromebooks available for loan by students. If your child requires one then this can be collected between 10am and 11am tomorrow from the Library.

### **Online learning**

Staff have been requested to contact all students in their classes by email or through Google Classroom before the end of this week outlining the plan for learning for the rest of this term. We appreciate that households are likely to be dynamic over the next few days and learning is unlikely to be the main priority.

Our goal is to have more structured learning in place for all students starting on 15 April 2020, after the two week holiday break. Staff will not be providing work over the holiday period. They will instead be preparing a programme of learning for the start of the term on 15 April.

**Students need to check their emails regularly** during the school day as this will be the primary form of communication between students and staff. Staff will endeavour to answer emails in a timely manner. I would appreciate some understanding with this as staff manage the transition to online learning while still supporting their own whānau.

Technical support is still available online for Google Apps and passwords etc. Please contact Bradley Short [bradley@cromwell.school.nz](mailto:bradley@cromwell.school.nz) or Lachy Brett [lachybrett@cromwell.school.nz](mailto:lachybrett@cromwell.school.nz)

### **Confirming the Holiday Break and possible return to school**

The Government has brought forward the Term 1 two week holiday break to Monday 30 March. Term 2 will begin on Wednesday 15 April. School will remain closed and staff will be delivering their subject learning online from home. This online learning approach will continue during Term 2 until we are advised to return to school by the Ministry of Education.

**Pastoral Care - wellbeing for students**

Our School Counsellors Rachel Cassaidy and Holly McDiamid have contacted families already about the support that is available for students. I know this will be an important reassurance for families. Whānau teachers will be contacting students and families early next term. Students and families are welcome to contact their Whānau teachers with any questions.

**Interim Reports**

These are being completed by staff currently and will be emailed out around 3 April.

**Communication**

If parents have any other questions or concerns then please contact our office through [admin@cromwell.school.nz](mailto:admin@cromwell.school.nz) and these will be forwarded through to relevant staff.

I will also continue to update whānau with any important messages around Covid 19 and our mahi at school.

Thank you all for supporting your children in preparing for the coming weeks.

I wish students, parents and whānau all the very best - stay safe, connected and well.

Noho ora mai rā

Mason Stretch  
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